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Letter dated 8 February 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Statement by His Excellency, Mr. Ilija Djukic, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Statement dated 8 February 1993 of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, concerning the current peace negotiations regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina

I have been authorized by the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to make the following statement:

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia supports the plan of the Co-Chairmen as the most complete and realistic framework for establishing just and lasting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and is using all its influence so that the plan will be accepted.

Yugoslavia is aware that the plan is not ideal, since it contains certain shortcomings. These, however, can be ironed out through further negotiations. The establishment of peace is in the best interest of all three peoples - Muslim, Serb, Croat - and that is why we are calling on all sides involved to say "yes" to the plan.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has from the beginning of the work of the Conference on the Former Yugoslavia given full support to the peace process and the tireless efforts of the Co-Chairmen.

Despite consistent calls for the use of force by some parties and others concerned, Yugoslavia is convinced that there is no alternative to a political solution reached by all three sides to the tragic civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I have informed the President of the Security Council and Mr. Vance and Lord Owen of our continuing support for their plan and our readiness to assist in the reaching of a just and lasting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.